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**To:** Bob Perciasepe/DC/USEPA/US@EPA  
**Subject:** Keep Bristol Bay Assessment Comment Period to 30 days  
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The Honorable Robert Perciasepe  
Acting Administrator  
US Environmental Protection Agency  
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Dear Administrator Perciasepe:

We strongly urge you to keep to the announced 30-day public comment period for the Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment as described in the April 30, 2013 Federal Register. The 30 day comment period ensures that EPA will be able to maintain its schedule and commitment to the people of the region who are most impacted by the proposed Pebble Mine.

We believe, and as EPA has acknowledged, there has been time for extensive public comment and scientific peer review of the earlier draft. Furthermore, in the next 30 days the Bristol Bay commercial fishermen, whom we represent, will be going off-line and heading to the fishing grounds in Bristol Bay to prepare for the upcoming Salmon Season. They will not be able to participate in the process from the fishing grounds. However, Pebble mine proponents will undoubtedly benefit from having more time.

Keeping to the current schedule is equitable for all parties who are now taking the opportunity to comment on this critical national issue. We look forward to a final Watershed Assessment being published as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Regards,

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